

THE INDEPENDENT

VOL. XII.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1919

NO. 599.

CHARLES T. HALLINAN SPEAKS HERE SUNDAY

Executive Secretary of the American Union Against Militarism Will Tell How Militarists Would Prussianize America

Charles T. Hallinan, of Washington, D. C., Secretary of the American Union Against Militarism, will speak at the Alkrama Theatre in this city at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hallinan comes to Elizabeth City upon the invitation of W. O. Saunders who believes that our folk would like to get first hand information as to how the military caste in this country is trying to Prussianize America. Mr. Hallinan's subject will be "The Menace of Militarism."

Music in connection with Sunday afternoon's meeting will be furnished by a choir of 150 voices from the colored State Normal School at Elizabeth City. These singers will render that great melody, "Down by the Riverside," in addition to other sacred numbers.

To give Elizabeth City folk an opportunity to hear Chas. T. Hallinan is in itself a great treat, but to crown his lecture with the greatest anti-militarist song, sung from the hearts of the musical colored folk, will make Sunday's meeting one long to be remembered in Elizabeth City.

For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with Mr. Hallinan and the American Union Against Militarism, a word of information may be in order:

The Union Against Militarism is an organization formed in 1914 to fight the propaganda for universal military training and service. For several years the chairmanship was held by Miss Lillian Wald of New York City, a prominent and public spirited social worker, who was often called into conference by President Wilson and members of the cabinet in connection with reform legislation in Washington. After the United States entered the War, Miss Wald resigned her chairmanship in order to devote her energies to the Red Cross on whose advisory council she held a prominent place.

She was succeeded by Oswald Garrison Villard of New York City, for many years proprietor of the New York Evening Post and now editor of the New York Nation. Amos R. E. Pinchot—who is the more independent and radical of the two wealthy Pinchot brothers. Amos and Gifford—is the vice chairman. The treasurer is Mrs. Agnes Brown Leach of New York City, a well known member of the Quaker faith. Charles T. Hallinan, the executive secretary, is an Irishman, a journalist of independent convictions and an experienced observer of public affairs at the national capital.

Among the other members of the executive committee which was purposefully made broad so as to include men and women of diverse views and antecedents, are Emily Green Balch of Wellesley College; Dr. A. A. Berke, pastor of the Congregational Church of Cambridge, Mass.; Herbert S. Bigelow of Cincinnati; Crystal Eastman; Dr. John Jay Elliott, head of the Ethical Culture movement in New York City; Edmund C. Evans, an architect of Philadelphia; Zona Gale, the novelist; Rev. John Haynes Holmes; Owen R. Lovejoy, secretary of the National Child Labor Committee; James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor; Rev. Norman Thomas, editor of the "The World Tomorrow" and others.

With only one plank in its platform: "Opposition to compulsory military training and service" the American Union Against Militarism has brought together a membership people of very diverse political and social views. It has no dues though for a dollar a year it furnishes an intimate confidential "bulletin service" to its members, giving the "inside" news from Washington regarding the fight against militarism. Contributions above that initial dollar go to the support of its work which is carried on by means of a press bureau furnishing news and propaganda material to more than one thousand daily and weekly papers, by pamphleteering on a wide scale, by holding meetings and furnishing speakers.

Among its members are pacifists and members of the American Expeditionary Force who disagree about the war but agree that the United States should not take even the first step toward following the fateful example of Germany. There are Bourbon Democrats and high protection Republicans, suffragists and anti-suffragists, clergymen and free thinkers, country bankers and socialists, all fighting against the invasion of America by the Prussian spirit, as they conceive it to be.

There will be no charge for admission to Sunday afternoon's lecture, but a free will offering will be taken to help defray the expenses. Mr. Saunders has rented the Alkrama for the occasion and has personally guaranteed Mr. Hallinan's expenses.

CUT OFF FROM THE CITY WITHOUT A WARNING

Hundreds of Automobiles Bound for Elizabeth City Held Up When Mr. Robinson Closed His Road

Two hundred or more automobiles bound for the Elizabeth City District Fair from points in Camden, Currituck and Norfolk counties found themselves shut off from Elizabeth City Thursday morning by the closing of the Robinson Ferry Road. Without any notice to the public, C. H. Robinson ordered the road closed and the bridge across Pasquotank river raised to prevent the passage of vehicles. Some got as far as the bridge, just across the river from the city and had to get boats to bring them over to town.

The reason given by Mr. Robinson for closing the road was that the tide was up over the road Wednesday night and heavy traffic cuts the road to pieces after a tide.

And this is the price Elizabeth City and the northeastern counties pay for their shortsightedness in putting up with private ownership of the most important highway entering Elizabeth City.

Mr. Robinson's action Wednesday aroused the ire of hundreds of out of town people as well as scores of local business men and is not calculated to help him in his desire to dispose of his road to the counties of Pasquotank and Camden.

TO GO IT HEAVY WITH TOBACCO

W. H. Gallop, of Jarvisburg to Put 75 Acres in Popular Weed

W. H. Gallop, one of the most enterprising and far-seeing farmers in Currituck county, will put 75 acres of new ground into tobacco next year, growing tobacco on a larger scale than ever before attempted by any one in this immediate section.

Experiments here and there in Currituck county have shown that tobacco will thrive in that soil and climate. S. J. Payne, of Point Harbor, in the lower section of Currituck county, grew two and a half acres of tobacco this year. Mr. Payne recently sold this tobacco for \$1,200.00.

Mr. Gallop has been watching these experiments with interest and has given the cultivation and cure of tobacco considerable study. He is not at all timid about going into the planting of a comparatively large acreage as a pioneer. He believes that he can cultivate the entire crop of 75 acres with one man's labor.

Other big farmers in this section are going in for tobacco. C. O. Robinson, of this city, owner of a number of big farms in this and nearby counties is convinced that tobacco is the coming money crop of this section. While tobacco farmers in other sections of the state are getting a return of \$400 to the acre on tobacco, farmers of this section think they are doing well when they get \$100 an acre from cotton.

NORFOLK FOLK BUYING IN ELIZABETH CITY

McCabe & Grice Report Many Norfolk Customers Attracted by Elizabeth City Prices

Elizabeth City stores are doing a record breaking business this fall. J. T. McCabe, of McCabe & Grice tells this newspaper that his sales this season are nearly double the sales of former seasons. McCabe & Grice have had unusually busy days since the announcement in this newspaper last week of Mr. McCabe's spectacular purchase of \$30,000 worth of women's wear at a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent. of the manufacturer's original cost.

Much trade is coming to Elizabeth City these days from Norfolk. Hundreds of Norfolk people, formerly residents of this and section are coming to Elizabeth City to buy their fall and winter merchandise, and getting better values for their money and lower prices than they can get in Norfolk. Mr. McCabe tells this newspaper that some of the biggest bills sold at his store this season were sold to Norfolk customers.

E. C. COTTON MILL OFFERS FARMERS COTTON STORAGE

The Elizabeth City Cotton Mills have built additional warehouses this season and are now offering storage facilities to cotton growers. The mill issues a receipt for cotton stored and this receipt can be used as collateral. The mill will buy cotton in storage, paying the prevailing market price at the time of making purchase. Further particulars will be found in the advertising columns of this newspaper.

An Irishman With Bells On



MR. CHAS. T. HALLINAN

MR. HALLINAN is the Executive Secretary of the American Union Against Militarism. He speaks at the Alkrama Theatre in Elizabeth City at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Nov. 16. Every person interested in compulsory military training, permanent conscription and a big standing army should hear him. He's Irish and the Irish don't mince words.

MONK RUM MAKES BAD MEN OVER AT MAMIE

Reports of wild doings as a result of home made Monkey Rum come from Mamie, which is near Powells Point in Currituck county. Mrs. Lily Gray, a widow living alone with two children, was run out of her cottage by a crowd of drunken men Saturday night. The woman fled barefooted and in her night clothes to the home of Truxton Sykes, a Negro, where she took refuge for the night. Under the influence of home-made liquor, a gang of white men have been spreading terror in that locality lately. A number of crude stills are reported in operation in the neighborhood.

SOLDIERS WOULD NOT JOIN IN CELEBRATION

Wouldn't Even Come And Get Free Lunch Prepared for Them by Red Cross

Northeastern North Carolina's heroes of the World War refused to warm up to the Armistice Day celebration planned for the opening day of the Elizabeth City Fair. There were not a dozen home soldiers in uniforms on the fair grounds and hundreds of sandwiches, ice cream bricks, cakes and coffee prepared by the Red Cross grew stale waiting for the soldiers.

Only two or three home boys in uniforms were noticeable in the grand stand Tuesday afternoon when Col. Anderson of the War Department presented a Distinguished Service Medal to Mrs. Mary Perry, of Okisko, mother of Corp. Seth. Perry of the 119th. infantry who was killed at Bellecourt.

Returned soldiers seem to be averse to anything that reminds them of the European war.

WILL ATTEND BANQUET AT N. C. UNIVERSITY

Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus who is Pasquotank County director of the Graham Memorial Fund being raised by the University of North Carolina, has been invited to attend a banquet to be given at Chapel Hill on the 26th of November—the day before the great Thanksgiving football game.

The Memorial Fund is to be for the erection of a hundred and fifty thousand dollar building in memory of the late Kidder Graham. The proposed building will be used for student activities. Such a building has long been needed at the University and will be a fitting and permanent tribute to the life of its late President.

Mrs. J. E. Gard and son Kennedy and her friend Mrs. Powell, of Virginia Beach, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brock on N. Road Street.

(advertisement) NO EXAGGERATION

I do not make exaggerated statements about my work. Very remarkable results often follow the correction of bad vision by properly fitted glasses. It does not follow that bad eyes are responsible for all ills and that the fitting of eye glasses is a panacea for every ailment. My especial claim to your patronage is based upon my unusual experience coupled with my unusual facilities for testing the vision, grinding the lenses and fitting the glasses on the premises. Upon investigation you will find that I can give the same service you would expect to find in a metropolitan city.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY
Optometrist

Phone 999 Bradford Bldg.

E. CITY MERCHANTS OPPOSE REGULATIONS

Merchants of the State Gathered at Raleigh to Protest Against Government Control of Profits

Elizabeth City merchants were well represented at a conference of more than 300 retail dealers with Federal Food Director Henry A. Page, in Raleigh, this week. The conference was to try to reach an agreement on the margin of profits to be charged by retail merchants. Nothing was settled by the conference, but a number of committees have been set to work in a new attempt to reach an agreement.

The case of the merchants was stated by Wm. Perlestein who said he wished to lay facts and figures before the conference to convince that the merchants of the State are not profiteering in general, that the merchants are not responsible for the high cost of labor, that their profits have in no way kept pace with the accumulation of wealth by others and that a readjustment or rearrangement of the margin of profit will not bring prices down.

He said the government had put its stamp of approval on a margin of profit of not under 50 per cent, and cited instances in support of his statement.

"A maximum profit or a minimum profit will encourage trickery, deception and unethical business methods," said Mr. Perlestein. A limitation of profit would be the ruin of the merchants, he asserted, as it would drive away things that the people want in the line of novelties and would force the merchants to handle only the staple articles.

Emphasis was placed on attorney General Palmer's statement that there had been an investigation of the merchants' profits and that only one per cent of the merchants were found charging large profits. Those large profits due to necessary replacement value and could not be construed as profiteering.

Mr. Page stated that the merchants were not at fault in the prices being so high, that labor conditions and producing costs compelled the retailer to sell at higher prices. He said that the reason the retail merchants were called on to reduce prices was not because they were getting too much profit, but because they were the weakest of the chain that handled the product and they wanted handled the product even if they began on the roof and built down which is very impractical and really unfair to the honest merchants of our State.

It was shown that the reduction called for would mean curtailment of business and even bankruptcy.

No charges of profiteering have been brought against any Elizabeth City merchant.

The subscription price of THE INDEPENDENT will be \$2.00 a year after Jan. 1, 1920. Get your subscription extended now at the old price, \$1.50.

(advertisement) ANNOUNCEMENT

We have now completed our fertilizer plant at Elizabeth City and are taking in material daily. We have associated with us in our company men of long experience who have been actively in the fertilizer business since 1868. Our first goods of highest quality—goods that are especially adapted to the section in which they will be used and will produce the very best results.

We have contracts for European potash part of which has already arrived in this country and which will reach our plant in the near future.

Our office is located temporarily at the plant on Knobs Creek.

We are ready for business and solicit your inquiries.

ALBEMARLE FERTILIZER CO.
J. H. Leffey, Mgr.
Elizabeth City, N. C.
Telephone No. 1059.

HE IS NOT A TOM THUMB



LATHAM W. COX

THIS then is Latham W. Cox, junior member of the firm of Daniels & Cox, of Elizabeth City. He carries all of a fat man's inconveniences and has all of a fat man's cheerful qualities. He is one of the jolliest, breeziest, kindest friendliest mortals in Elizabeth City and as familiar as the Hinton Building. He says he keeps fit on Famo. Photo by Leon Sklar.

PARTIAL RELIEF FROM SUGAR SHORTAGE SOON

Prospects for Early Reapportionment of Sugar Supply Which Will Help North Carolinians

Some early relief from the present acute sugar shortage is indicated in a recent report from the sugar division of the Food Administration, which fixes the retail price of New Orleans cane sugar, now available to the trade, at 8 1/2 cents per pound. The sugar is sold by the refiner to the wholesaler at 7 cents per pound, and the wholesaler is allowed a half cent profit, selling to the retailer at 7 1/2 cents. Thus the retailer is allowed a gross profit of one cent per pound. North Carolina dealers, however, object to this sugar, and it is indicated that by an early reapportionment of the granulated sugar supply the State may receive a considerable quantity of the latter in the immediate future. The granulated sugar sells, at a fixed price of nine cents to the wholesaler.

DANCE ROW BRINGS ON FIGHTS AND LAW SUITS

Row Began Over a Fox Trot at Society Dance and Will End in Superior Court

Two street fights and probably three law suits have grown out of a dispute over a Fox Trot or a Shimmy Wobble at a dance held in this city last week. The first fight occurred Friday morning when E. S. Chesson, Jr. and Latimer Commander clashed on Main St. last Friday. Young Mr. Chesson entered a plea of guilty in the Police Court Tuesday morning and was taxed with the costs of the action. After the trial he and young Commander buried the hatchet and shook hands. A few minutes after the love feast E. S. Chesson, Sr. met young Commander on Main St. and assaulted him. Not satisfied with a criminal prosecution against the Senior Chesson, young Commander has started a civil action for damages. Commander sustained several scratches about the neck when Mr. Chesson laid hands on him.

OLIVER GILBERT DOES A REAL PUBLIC SERVICE

O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's Department Store, did a thoughtful thing this week when he placed a row of seats on the sidewalk in front of his store for the convenience of Fair Week visitors. Mitchell's is a popular corner and the corner on which most out of town folk wait for automobiles. Those seats may suggest the ear marks of a Rube Town, but they are a real treat to many a tired man and woman. Other merchants would do well to follow Mitchell's example.

SHAD SEASON WOULD BE FROM APR. 30 TO JAN. 1

Fisheries Commission Board to Hear Arguments at Morehead City December 10

The N. C. Fisheries Commission Board will dispose of the petition for a shortening of the shad and herring season, at a regular meeting of the Board to be held at Morehead City, N. C. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1919. All parties interested will be given an opportunity to express their views.

The resolutions before the Board proposes to fix the closed season for shad and herring in North Carolina waters from April 30 to January 1, during which time it shall be unlawful to catch with any net, seine or other appliance, any shad or herring in the waters of North Carolina.

Action on the resolutions has been deferred to give fishermen an opportunity to make themselves heard.

Truly great persons are often insignificant in their own estimation. But not so with the pewee who apes the giant.

ELIZABETH CITY FAIR A WORTHY EXPOSITION

But As An Exposition of Agricultural Resources is a Failure—as Usual

THOMPSON WILL NOT LOSE JOB

Public Opinion Turns The Trick and There Will be no Changes in Appraisers

J. P. Thompson, Tax Supervisor of Pasquotank County will hold his job, District Supervisor P. H. Williams and the Board of Commissioners having decided in Executive Session last Saturday to make no changes at present, either in the office of Supervisor or the Board of Appraisers.

Public opinion turned the trick in behalf of Thompson. District Supervisor Williams had secured authority from the State Tax Commission to secure the appointment of a new Board of Appraisers in Pasquotank, including a new supervisor. Supervisor Williams has been having trouble with his Pasquotank appraisers, J. Walter Perry and J. W. Wilcox being at loggerheads with Thompson. But a lot of people thought there was more to it than that. As pointed out in this newspaper last week, Thompson has made many powerful political enemies by uncovering tax dodgers. Many will believe that these political enemies were after Thompson's scalp. It is recalled that members of the law firm of Aydtett, Sawyer & Simpson voiced a great deal of opposition to the original appointment, claiming that he was disqualified for the office because he already held a Federal office, that of clerk of the U. S. Superior Court.

Only three townships in Pasquotank have been appraised under the revaluation act. Mr. Thompson will proceed now to appraise property in Nixonton, Salem and Elizabeth City townships, until another effort is made to dislodge him.

There are some in Elizabeth City who would like to see Thompson's job in the hands of T. B. Wilson or Martin Simpson when the appraisal of Elizabeth City property is begun.

POLICE GET AFTER AUTOISTS IN CHURCH

Break Up Practice of Parking Automobiles on Both Sides of Streets at Churches

The appearance of a policeman in uniform at the First M. E. Church South in this city Sunday morning created something of a sensation when the word spread that he was after those who had violated the traffic laws by parking their cars on both sides of the street in front of the church. No arrests were made. The police served notice on the congregation thru the pastor that no arrests would be made in this instance, but that arrests would follow if the Methodist brethren didn't conform to the laws. It has been customary to park cars on both sides of the street in front of churches and the police served notice Sunday that not even church goers would be exempt from the new traffic laws requiring automobilists to park on one side of the street only.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE WHEN FREIGHT HIT HIS FORD

While crossing the Norfolk Southern R. R. tracks on Parsonage Street, a Ford truck driven by Ellwood Weatherly of the firm of W. H. Weatherly & Co. was run down by a Norfolk Southern freight train. The collision was so sudden and unexpected that Mr. Weatherly found himself pinned in the truck before he could jump. The truck was carried several hundred yards by the moving freight and reduced to a complete wreck, with Mr. Weatherly entangled in it. And he escaped with a few bruises and some minor scratches about the face. A Negro on the rear of the truck saved himself by jumping when the train struck.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN OF ENOCH FORBES AT RIDDLE

Fire destroyed the barn of Enoch Forbes, near Riddle, Camden county, with a resultant loss of about \$1,500.00, with no insurance. The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. Forbes had just harvested and stored his corn and peas. An automobile truck was also destroyed in the blaze. Part of the corn was saved.

COTTON GINNED

There were 2,149 bales of cotton ginned in Pasquotank county from the crop of 1919 prior to November 1, 1919, as compared with 958 bales ginned to November 1, 1918.

There were 1,842 bales of cotton ginned in Camden county from the crop of 1919 prior to November 1, 1919, as compared with 704 bales ginned to November 1, 1918.

When you want a thing and haven't got it, the obvious thing is to go out and get it. It will not come to you.

Be of good cheer, sister. Never allow the other girl's disposition to be sweeter than your own.

The Albemarle District Fair at Elizabeth City is on in full swing as this newspaper goes to press. As an amusement and entertainment enterprise, it far exceeds anything ever before staged at Elizabeth City. As an exposition of the agricultural resources of northeastern North Carolina it is a dismal failure. And as for our fisheries resources—they are not even suggested. The farm, orchard, dairy, livestock and poultry exhibits are not as good as those offered by the average community fair in this section.

But there is enough of everything else on the fair grounds this year to keep the crowds interested and amused. The races are good and under the direction of Fred Shreve the horses go according to program. There are no long waits between races, and the enthusiasm of the crowds that watch these races indicate that running races will be a feature of future Elizabeth City Fairs.

The exhibits at this year's fair are of peculiar interest to farmers. Here the farmer can learn what he wants to know about electrifying his farm and installing water, sewerage and sanitary closets. Electric lights, electric washing machines, electric fans, suction cleaners, fans, irons, etc. are shown in actual operation. The N. C. Bureau of Markets has an electrically operated potato grader on exhibition, to show the potato farmer how to grade his produce uniformly, quickly and inexpensively. The U. S. Weather Bureau shows how it keeps tab on the weather for the farmer. The U. S. Department of Agriculture with its exhibit covering 4,000 square feet shows the farmer how to treat his woodland, how to build roads, how to drain, how to build modern dairy and poultry houses, grain elevators, etc., etc. Spence & Hollowell Co. are showing the largest line of tractors and farm machinery ever exhibited at a fair in this section.

The amusements for the fair are as advertised. There is the trapeze act in front of the grand stand; the 500 foot slide for life; daylight fire works; balloon ascensions and brass bands. Sibley's shows fill the midway with an aggregation of carnival attractions. U. S. soldiers and a military band encamped on the grounds add to the picturesque-ness of the scene. The crowds Wednesday and Thursday were greater than ever before assembled on Elizabeth City fair grounds.

DIST. REPUBLICANS START SOMETHING

Hon. Bert Fuller of Indiana to Meet Republicans at Elizabeth City Saturday November 15th

There will be a meeting of the Republicans representing the counties of Currituck, Camden, Dare, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan and Gates at the Court House in Elizabeth City, N. C. at 12 o'clock, Saturday, November, 15th.

The members of the County Executive Committees of the several counties are being urged to be present, and all republicans interested in precinct organization thruout the State are expected to attend. Hon. Bert Fuller, of Vincennes, Ind. will be here.

Mr. Fuller is a personal representative of National Chairman Will H. Hays. Mr. Hays is interested in the Republicans of North Carolina to the extent that he is sending one of his chief lieutenants to this state for the purpose of looking over the fields and making suggestions. Mr. Fuller started in at Asheville October 28th, and has visited Statesville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Durham and Raleigh. This week he will visit Fayetteville, New Bern, Washington and Elizabeth City.

It looks like the Republicans of this State are getting busy.

The most fortunate man in all the world is he who has achieved the greatest success through his own honorable and unaided efforts.